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Celebrate New Year's Day Mountain Biking. The "Mail Run" is an annual free event open to all and starts 9 am ET on January 1st at Bandy Creek Visitor Center. This year's event will be a special ride since it will take place on the first day of the National Park Service's Centennial year.

Call for 2016 Trail Keepers. The Trail Keepers program is a volunteer partnership for people who love the park's trails and want to help take care of them. There are now 70+ different trails available for adoption. Trail Keepers are expected to hike, bike or horse ride their adopted trail at least 4 times during the calendar year, report on overall trail conditions, pick up trash, and submit a trail condition report after each hike. Contact Effie_Houston@nps.gov to volunteer.

DYK? Big South Fork recycled 87% of its waste stream this past year.

Join the Centennial Challenge:

100 Miles for 100 Years! Starting Jan. 1st everyone can participate in a self-paced activity to hike, ride (mountain bike or equestrian), and/or paddle along the park's 500-mile multi-system trail including 70+ miles of the Big South Fork river and its tributaries. All finishers are eligible to receive a specially-designed patch. Visit www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/centennial-challenge to download the log sheet (the honor system applies). Participants are also encouraged to photograph their favorite places and memories along their journeys.

Camp Free 16 Days During 2016 at Rock Creek Campground (Obed), Alum Ford Campground (Big South Fork), and the backcountry on January 18 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), April 16 - 24 (National Park Week), August 25 - 28 (National Park Service Birthday and following weekend), September 24 (National Public Lands Day), and November 11 (Veterans Day).

Bandy Creek Visitor Center

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Next Coffee and Climb with a Ranger is Saturday, January 2nd at Lilly Bridge. Bring any questions you may have and join Rangers for a cup of coffee at 10 am ET. After that, snow or shine, Rangers will be leading another Climb with a Ranger Program. From 11 to noon will be a kids only (12 and under) climbing session and after that all ages are welcome. All necessary gear is provided.

Junior Ranger Program on Saturday, January 23rd at 1 pm (ET) at the Obed Visitor Center. Kids, come to a Ranger talk on black bears and then work through the Jr. Ranger booklet to get your Ranger badge.

Every Friday Morning Join Us at 10:30 am (ET) for the Preschool Kids Program. Each week Rangers focus on different themes and read stories and have activities for little ones.

Walk/Talk with a Ranger on Saturday the 30th. Meet at the Lilly

Bluff Overlook Parking Lot at 1 pm (ET) to meet a ranger and head out for a short walk to the Boulder Field. Well behaved dogs on leash are always welcome.

Stay Updated About Your Park! The just completed Obed Foundation Document (www.nps.gov/obed/learn/management/upload/) gives an overview of the many mandates and guidance documents used to manage the park. [management/upload/OBRI_OV_SP-1-2.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/management/upload/OBRI_OV_SP-1-2.pdf)



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